

2014 Teen Summer Reading Program YART

***Announcements:** KRARI 2014 is *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein (May 31st, 2:00 – 4:00, State House); Teen Summit on October 16: The New Basics (Beechwood Hotel, Worcester, MA) with MA/RI

***Books** for the SPARK A REACTION theme, prepared/presented by Brandi Kenyon and Charlotte Burnham

***Sharing/Discussion:** reading records/game cards/etc.

- **Idea from Ohio:** Set up a challenge by establishing reading teams (recruit at high schools). Let each group have a log in to log books, time spent reading, and track all summer. Use google docs, Library Thing, etc.
FROM MEETING DISCUSSION:
- **Cranston:** Teens report their reading every time they come into the library, no sign ups or official reading record required (self-service). The teens fill out a slip for every book they read, including name, school/grade, review/star rating, and then receive a prize (box of candy, free book, etc.). There is a weekly prize drawing as well. Librarians enter the information from the slips into a database each week (so they know how many teens participate and how much reading each teen does).
- **Cumberland/Portsmouth:** Teens can report their books using email or Facebook.
- **Little Compton:** Library uses the registration form from the CSLP manual; when teens register they receive a free bag. There is a weekly prize drawing and an end of summer party. The reporting is self-serve.
- **Portsmouth:** Teens set their own goals
- **Newport:** Reading records are BINGO sheets kept in a binder at the desk; teens earn credit for getting a friend to sign up for the SRP, for attending programs, etc. in addition to reading.
- **Greenville:** Passive reading table/put slips in the books; win tickets for recommending a book, liking the Facebook page, reading to a younger sibling

***Incentives and Funding**

- \$5.00 fine reducing pass (limit to number that can be earned)
- VIP seating at a popular library program (reserved seat, presenter will call on you, etc.)
- Unlimited internet pass

FROM MEETING DISCUSSION:

- Ask local businesses for \$10.00 gift cards, thank them in the library
- **Portsmouth:** certificate for \$2.00 off library fines
- **Barrington:** Penny social for summer reading prizes. Teens earn tickets and put them into the drawing for the prizes they most want to win. Photos of prizes are displayed for the summer.
- 5 Below: fill out a form and then get a gift card
- Other places to find cool prizes: Game Stop, Think Geek
- Candy

***Promoting the Teen SRP/School Visits**

- Put program flyers in the books
- Ask teens to pass out library flyers
- “Face of summer reading” at each school (use template like READ poster)
- Face-to-face school visits
- Ask at registration: What’s the best way to reach you? When can you come to a program?

FROM MEETING DISCUSSION:

- **Cranston:** Hold a Price is Right style game in the middle school auditorium (quiz show); kids receive a reward for having a library card; project photos of teens participating in library programs
- **Cranston:** Sit in the high school cafeteria for all 4 lunch periods with volunteer forms, raffles, give out candy. Librarians invite teens to sit at the table and help recruit/promote (regular program participants).
- **Portsmouth:** Reach middle school parents through Facebook
- **Cumberland:** Set up Facebook pages for interest groups, like the Anime Club. Librarian is the administrator, as well as the teen club president.
- **Newport:** Librarian helps with National History Day as a way to reach the teens and network.
- **Idea:** set up a table or activity from the library at field day.

***Programs/Volunteers** you have planned for the summer/Passive Program Ideas

- **Cranston:** Librarians set up a specific project to happen on a certain day/time for teens, i.e., Valentines for Veterans, blankets for the pet shelter, and invite teens to participate. Teens can come to as many projects as they like and earn volunteer hours.
- Other volunteer tasks: Book buddy, set up/clean-up programs, play games, lead program, shelf read, pull books, decorate, tag RITBA nominees/label, clean
- **Cranston:** Blind date with a book, promote and display on Instagram and facebook
- **Cumberland:** Coding club explores: 1. Scratch; 2. Java/Khan Academy/Koda; 3. Minecraft; 4. Creating Apps (Game Salad)

Resources:

<http://summerreading.ning.com>

YALSA summer reading resource, including webinars, sample flyers, STEM resources

<http://stemread.niu.edu/>

From Northern Illinois University, books with STEM themes linked with videos, games, and other activities.

<http://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?lid=3797>

Resources for the books listed in the CSLP program manual provided by Teaching Books.net, including audio, video, discussion guides, and author information.

<http://www.pinterest.com/cslpreads/spark-a-reaction-cslp-2014/>

<http://www.pinterest.com/cherylspace/steam-in-the-library/>

<http://www.pinterest.com/cherylspace/making-stuff-at-the-library/>

The CSLP and Cheryl Space's Pinterest boards on STEM and Spark a Reaction

<http://showmelibrarian.blogspot.com/p/all-things-steam.html>

librarian Amy Koester's STEAM programming for preschool and school age kids

<http://makeitatyourlibrary.org/>

Maker projects organized for librarians by [Instructables](#) in collaboration with the [American Library Association](#),

Don't forget your 2014 **Spark a Reaction** Summer Reading Program Manual from the Collaborative Summer Library Program for information on all aspects of running a teen summer reading program.

